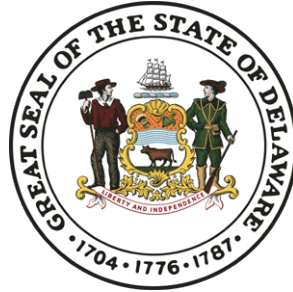


State of Delaware



**Executive Department
Dover**

**DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR NEW CASTLE,
KENT AND SUSSEX COUNTIES
DUE TO A SEVERE WINTER STORM**

WHEREAS, a severe winter storm is generating and will continue to generate significant amounts of snow and sleet throughout the State of Delaware, with snowfall accumulations of 8 to 12 inches in New Castle County, 4 to 8 inches in Kent County, and 8 to 10 inches in Sussex County and moderate coastal flooding in much of Sussex County; and

WHEREAS, the severe winter storm includes heavy snowfall and gusting winds, resulting in significantly decreased visibility and other road hazards that make driving dangerous and creating potentially life-threatening conditions for the citizens of the State of Delaware; and

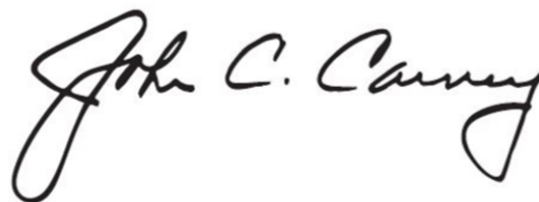
WHEREAS, I authorize the Delaware National Guard to assist state and local officials with any necessary response and recovery for this severe winter storm; and

WHEREAS, the predicted weather conditions will likely continue to create dangerous and potentially life-threatening road conditions and may result in additional public safety responses.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN C. CARNEY, pursuant to Title 20, Chapter 31 of the Delaware Code, do hereby declare a State of Emergency in New Castle County, Kent County and Sussex County. This State of Emergency will be effective as of March 21, 2018 at 12:00 a.m. E.S.T., and shall continue until terminated as provided under state law. The nature of the emergency is significant amounts of snow, high winds and moderate coastal flooding. Along with such other actions authorized by Title 20, Chapter 31 of the Delaware Code, I specifically direct and authorize:

1. All departments and agencies of the State of Delaware shall assist in response and recovery activities, as directed by and in coordination with the Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA), in consultation with the Secretary of the Department of Safety and Homeland Security (DSHS), necessary in those areas affected by the storm. Further, DEMA is authorized to enact the Delaware Emergency Operations Plan.
2. The Delaware National Guard shall take precautionary or responsive actions directed by the Director of DEMA, in consultation with the Secretary of DSHS, upon request by local authorities.
3. I authorize the Delaware Department of Transportation and the Delaware State Police, in consultation with DEMA and the Secretary of DSHS, to order such bridge and road closures as necessary to protect the health and safety of the public.
4. I reserve the right to take or direct state or local authorities to take, without issuance of further written order, any other necessary actions authorized by Title 20, Chapter 31 of the Delaware Code to respond to this emergency.

APPROVED this 21st day of March, 2018, at 12:00 a.m.



Governor